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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/09/2007

SPONSOR Gardner LAST UPDATED _____ HB 848

SHORT TITLE Expand ENMU Child Care SB _____

ANALYST Moser

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$150,000	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates: SB 590

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

NM Department of Higher Education (HED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 848 appropriates \$150,000 from the General Fund to Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU) for expenditure in FY08 to expand its child care operation that serves students, university employees, and the community.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$150,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY08 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The HED indicates that the Child Development Center at ENMU currently serves 40 children, 85% of whom are children of students at the university. Priority is given to children of students, university employees, and lastly, community members. The Child Development Center is run by

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one faculty member and includes a part-time lead teacher, a cook, and work study students usually in the field of Early Childhood Education.

The HED indicates that the proposed use of the funds include hiring a Director for the center, increasing the number of children served from 40 to 100, locating more space to serve them, and purchasing the requisite supplies and equipment.

This request was not submitted by ENMU to the New Mexico Higher Education Department for review and is not included in the department's funding recommendation for FY08.

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